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1. The Presov Airfield was constructed in 1941. In 1944, it was destroyed by the retreating German Army and the railroad line from Presov to Vranov was bombed by the Royal Air Force. After the war, the field was repaired immediately and air traffic started again very soon.
2. In the northwest, the field is bordered by the Presov - Vranov road. Here the Presov - Sarisske Luky - Vranov railroad track skirts the field in a wide loop. The southern border is formed by the northern edge of the village of Nizni Sebes and by fields belonging to Nizni and Vysni Sebes. To the east of the airfield are open fields.
3. The field lies 318 meters above sea level. It has a hard humus soil foundation, but the surrounding land is swampy.
4. The airfield is triangular. The longest side runs along the Presov - Vranov road and is about 2,000 meters long. Its eastern side is about 1,000 meters long. The field has a grass surface and two runways at an angle to each other. The longest runway, parallel to the road, runs northeast-southwest, while the shorter runway runs north and south.¹
5. A ferro-concrete hangar has been built in the northern part of the field, near the road. It is 40 by 150 meters in area and 15 meters high, with a dome-shaped roof.
6. Guard units are billeted in a small one-story building 10 by 30 meters in size next to the hangar, which also houses the administration offices.
7. A radio transmitter is located in the administration building, as well as a storage area for parachutes. The aerial is on top of the hangar, together with the wind sleeve.

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8. The field is surrounded by landing markers.
9. There were 10 Me-109 aircraft, 5 Siebel bombing trainers, 4 CAP's and a large number of sport and training aircraft on the field.
10. The Presov Airfield is the air base of the Air Force pilot academy and the parachute training school at Presov. Although it is not equipped with a concrete runway, traffic is never hindered by bad weather. This field is used exclusively by the military.
11. The Air Force pilot academy was opened in 1952. The curriculum covers four years, and applicants first have to pass examinations at the Air Force Institute in Prague. The barracks of the academy are located in Presov. Firing instruction is given at Kamenec nad Cirochou and on the Vihorlat Mountain.
12. Parachute units have been stationed at Presov since 1950. Training is given on the Presov Airfield. In unfavorable weather, the training takes place on the Kosice or Mokrad airfields. Besides jumping from aircraft, students at the Presov Airfield are trained to jump from balloons. Some parachutists are billeted in Presov and some in Kosice. Basic training takes place in Kosice.
13. An Air Force guard constantly patrols around the field. They especially guard the road, where no vehicle is permitted to stop.
14. The field can be entered from the Presov - Vranov road. The entrance is located in the north, near the hangar.
15. The field could be extended up to a length of 3,000 meters. As its foundation is hard and it lies at the highest point in the area, no special drainage arrangements are necessary.
16. Until the new airfield at Kosice was completed, the Presov Airfield was used by civilian planes on the Kosice - Prague run. Military aircraft at Kosice probably serve as a reserve for the Presov field.
17. Current is supplied to the field by the Presov distribution center, which gets its power from Kosice.

1. Comments: On the annexed sketch, the two runways are represented as intersecting each other at right angles and neither of them is represented as running north and south. It is not clear whether the sketch or the description in the text gives the best version of the runways.

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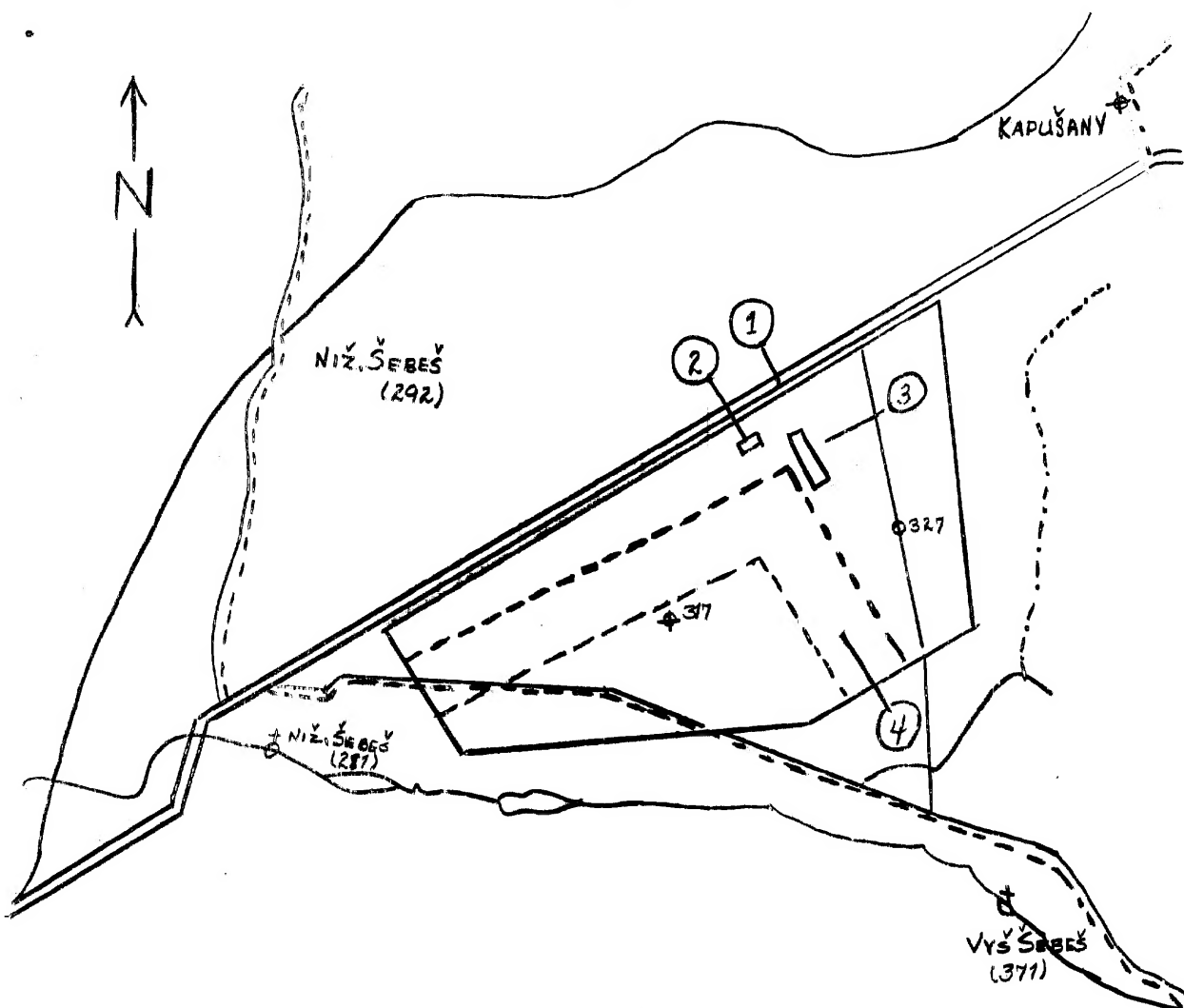
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Presov Airfield



Legend :

1. Entrance to the airfield.
2. Administration building.
3. Hangar.
4. Direction of the runway.

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